



Hybrid Corn Raises National Acre Yield

Ease of Harvesting Proves Advantageous

THE production of record corn crops during the war years has been strongly influenced by the use of hybrid seed corn in important growing areas.

Hybrid varieties, along with good growing weather, it is pointed out by the department of agriculture, have been major factors in raising the national acre yield of corn from an average of 29.5 bushels to 32.5 bushels.

Nearly 52 per cent of the corn acreage was planted to hybrid varieties.

Very few barren plants are found in a field of hybrid corn, and a much smaller per cent of rubbings. Hybrid corn bears ears at a more uniform height than open-pollinated corn, and the plants stand up better under hunking operations.

Agronomists emphasize that hybrid seed corn will not produce yields in spite of poor soil and poor culture. Where fertility or moisture is available for an acre yield of no more than 20 bushels of corn this condition is a limiting factor for both types.

Some hybrids show decided resistance to disease, and several tend toward immunity to chinch bugs and corn root worm. Resistance to the European corn borer and to the corn ear worm has also been found.

Agiculture In the News

W. J. DRYDEN

Industrialized Wheat.

Wheat, the staff of life, has taken on a definite commercial or industrial color. Since the time of Ceres, goddess of grain and food, wheat has been the first to cut wheat, its main purpose has been to furnish man with food.

New uses are developing daily. Fifty years ago developed cloth for women's clothes from straw. Butadiene, the principal ingredient in the synthetic rubber process, can be obtained from a wheat by-product.

Wheat is used in the manufacture of industrial alcohol, is utilized in the manufacture of starch and starch syrup.

For years wheat has been used for paper, superboards and wood compositions.

Found for pound, wheat is equal to corn in food, dairy cow, cattle, sheep and poultry feeding.

Extension Service

Receives U. S. Funds

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Financing of the U. S. Extension service program for 1945 on practically the same basis as in 1944 was assured here when the 78th congress in one of its last acts appropriated \$23,000,000 for this purpose.

The amount was contained in the Deficiency Appropriation bill which provides that not less than 7 million and not more than 11 million dollars of the new funds are to be specifically earmarked for the use of the Extension service.

The bureau of the budget had originally submitted a preliminary estimate calling for continuation of the unpaid funds left over from the calendar year of 1944, amounting to about 8 million dollars, to be available only until the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1945. Proponents of the program, however, declared this proposal unsatisfactory, asserting it would not provide adequate assurance to farmers that facilities would be available to obtain necessary farm labor during the year.

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Locust Grove

Locust Grove, Feb. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Garrett and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Robertson.

Mrs. Lula Beale and Mrs. Natalie Robertson spent Monday with Mrs. Tommie Carney, Mrs. Jim Carney and daughter, Miss Annie Carney and Mrs. L. A. Turner.

Mrs. James Beale, Mrs. Bertha Martin and Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mrs. Willie Beale.

Percy Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds and three children visited this same home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Carney and son, Joel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton.

The community was saddened to hear of the death of Alvin Trent. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

Friends were glad to see Sgt. Russell Chermak home for the week-end.

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Social Security

Occasional complaints that social security account number cards are improperly used as identification for check-cashing purposes, today of Joseph W. Houston, manager of the Lynchburg field office of the Social Security Board, to issue the following cautionary statement:

"The social security account number card is not intended to serve as identification for check-cashing purposes, and should not be accepted as such.

"A social security card is issued to any person who applies for it. It is issued for one purpose, and only one. That is to identify a social security account on which the wage record of the possessor may be posted as credit toward old-age and survivors insurance benefits. The account number is used with the person's name to identify his social security account, because

many people have the same name. No two can have the same number. The Social Security Board, therefore, requires that the beneficiary identify himself by his name and number.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee family visited Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton at Clax, Va. Sunday.

Mrs. Terry Rogers spent weekend with her parents and Mrs. C. R. Smith.

Jesse Harvey, Jr. spent weekend with his parents near J. C. Moore Jr. is a patient at Memorial Hospital, Lynchburg.

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Service Mens News

Sgt. Carl Evans, who is stationed in Italy, has written that he is on route to Connecticut where he will attend a submarine school.

T.Sgt. Herbert Abbitt is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

"Dick Godsey, Navy, has notified his parents that he has arrived in California and hopes to be home on a leave soon, en route to Connecticut where he will attend a submarine school.

Jig-saw puzzleing letters—yes, it's a game and a most interesting one for the recipients of letters from the boys overseas, which letters were badly mutilated Monday evening when a better sound through suction, was caught under the wheels of the fast Postmaster train here which dispatched same.

When the pouch was opened by the post office, the letters were found to be in the shape of a puzzle. Some of the letters were so badly mutilated that the recipients were unable to read them. The post office has been notified of the situation and is working to determine the cause of the damage.

Mrs. H. B. West, whose son, Charles is now serving in the U. S. M. C. in the Pacific, received a portion of a letter from her son in which she found a partial kodak picture of his feet. The missing parts of the picture were found in the letter salvage scraps and now Mrs. West has a complete picture of her son's feet.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Jones had a letter from their son, Pfc. Warren D. Jones. He was well and is now somewhere in Belgium. He wishes to thank the people of the Central Baptist Church for the box he received a short time ago from them and says it was appreciated.

Mrs. Shirley Reynolds has received letters from her husband, Mr. J. P. Johnson, who is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Ray Godsey, U. S. Navy, is on furlough here.

I have received your nice letter and was real glad to hear from the folks at home and to know that they are doing their part to help win this war. You can take it for granted that we are doing our best to hasten the day of victory and with the help of God we will triumph in the near future.

Phillip W. Ferguson, Somewhere overseas.

James Garrett, U. S. Navy, stationed at Norfolk, was home for the week-end.

Pvt. J. D. Ferguson, Jr. is stationed at Fort McCall, Ala.

South Sea Guerrilla

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